

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I used to live in New York and thought it troublesome that Rupert Murdoch had so much influence by owning both a TV station and a newspaper--even with the many other outlets in New York.

I now live near Sacramento, a much smaller market, and it would be devastating to political discourse if the owner of the Sacramento Bee also owned one of the TV stations, or vice versa.

Please hold firm on ensuring a multiplicity of voices in our communities.